

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application, and are subject to a Restriction requirement with an election of species as follows:

- Species A: The binder is crystalline (e.g., claim 9)
- Species B: The binder is amorphous (e.g., claim 10)
- Species C: The binder is reactive (e.g., claim 11)
- Species D: The binder is non-reactive (e.g., claim 12)
- Species E: The article is a single phase compact (e.g., claim 22)
- Species F: The article is a multi-phase compact (e.g., claim 23)
- Species G: The compaction equipment is a confined pressure device (e.g., claim 26)
- Species H: The compaction equipment is an extrusion device (e.g., claim 27)

In response to the Examiner's Restriction, Applicants hereby elect prosecution of Species B, D, E, and G. Currently Claims 1 and 28 are generic to all species, Claim 8 is generic to species A, B, C, and D, and Claim 32 is generic to species E, F, G, and H. Claims 9, 11, 23, and 27 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to the unelected claims, including the right to file divisional applications thereon.

If the Examiner has any questions as to this response, the undersigned is available for a telephone conference at the number below.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1131.

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